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SUBJECT: WEEK OF DEMONSTRATIONS MAY BE PRELUDE

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1. SUMMARY: BADEN- WUERTTEMBERG EXPERIENCED WEEK OF DEMONSTRATIONS BEGINNING WITH OCCUPATION OF HEIDELBERG GAI PROTESTING THIEU VISIT ON APRIL 19 (REFTEL) AND ENDING ON SATURDAY APRIL 14 IN STUTTGART WITH DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST BAN ON RADICALS IN OFFICIAL JOBS. ALL DEMONSTRATIONS WERE ORDERLY, AND DREW RELATIVELY SMALL CROWDS IN THIS BASICALLY CONSERVATIVE LAND. IT IS TOO EARLY TO PREDICT RESUMPTION OF DEMONSTRATIONS AS PRIME TACTIC BY LEFTISTS AND YOUTH, BUT SOME LEADERS FEEL

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THIS MAY BE THE CASE.

2. OCCUPATION OF HEIDELBERG GAI WAS PRECEDED IN STUTTGART ON APRIL 7 BY HASTY ERECTION OF INFORMATION STAND BY KPD AUFBAU ORGANIZATION. SAME GROUP SPONSORED DEMONSTRATION IN STUTTGART ON APRIL 9, BUT ONLY 50 PARTICIPANTS SHOWED UP. ROUTE WAS NOT NEAR ANY U. S. INSTALLATIONS.

3. ON APRIL 10 ASTA, THE COMMUNIST HOCHSCHULE GROUP, AND THE UNION OF COMMUNIST & WORKERS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND TEACHERS COLLEGE IN FREIBURG WERE ABLE TO MUSTER BETWEEN 150-250 ANTI- THIEU MARCHERS. ORIGINAL ROUTE WOULD HAVE TAKEN THEM PAST GAI, BUT ROUTE WAS SHORTENED AND THEY WERE KEPT AWAY.

4. ON APRIL 14, 2000 - 3000 DEMONSTRATORS CONDUCTED ORDERLY MARCH AND RALLY IN DOWNTOWN STUTTGART TO PROTEST BAN ON HIRING RADICALS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE. FINAL RALLY ON MARKET SQUARE WAS ADDRESSED BY FIVE SPEAKERS, ALL OF WHOM STUCK CLOSELY TO SUBJECT, MADE NO MENTION OF U. S. OR VIETNAM. MARCHER' S BANNERS CARRIED SLOGANS DEALING ONLY WITH BAN ON RADICALS. SPONSOR OF THE DEMONSTRATION WAS THE STUTTGART KOMITEE GEGEN BERUFSVERBOTE (STUTTGART COMMITTEE AGAINST PROHIBITION OF PROFESSIONS). YOUNG SOCIALIST DIETER WAGNER SIGNED APPLICATION FOR DEMONSTRATION PERMIT. PARTICIPANTS WERE FROM HEIDELBERG, MANNHEIM, TUEBINGEN AND FREIBURG.

5. ALTHOUGH PROTEST SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN JUSO SPONSORED, AND MANY OF MORE RADICAL BENT WERE IN DORTMUND FOR SIMILAR FESTIVITIES, SOME REPRESENTATIVES OF EXTREME LEFT (PERHAPS THOSE WITHOUT BUS FARE TO DORTMUND) WERE PRESENT HERE ON APRIL 14. IN EVIDENCE WERE SPARTACUS AND KJO- COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION. NOTICE WAS GIVEN THAT MAY 1 HAS BEE DESIGNATED FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE RESOLUTION OF THE MINISTERS PRESIDENT OPPOSING HIRING POLITICAL EXTREMISTS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE.

6. COMMENT:

A. SPATE OF DEMONSTRATIONS COINCIDED WITH RESUMPTION OF INSTRUCTION AT UNIVERSITIES, AFTER LONG SPRING INTERLUDE SINCE END OF FEBRUARY, AND " SPECIAL OCCASION" OF THIEU VISIT TO FRG. THEREFORE, IT NOT POSSIBLE DRAW MANY CONCLUSIONS BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BADEN- WUETTEMBERG INTERIOR MINISTER SCHIESS TELLS US

SYMPTOMS ARE THERE FOR " LONG, HOT SUMMER" AND, POSSIBLY, FOR RESUMPTION OF DEMONSTRATIONS AS A PRIMARY TACTIC BY YOUNG LEFTISTS OF VARIOUS COLORS FOR WHATEVER ATTENTION - GETTING EMOTIONAL CAUSES THEY CAN EXPLOIT.

B. THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY SHOULD EXPECT " MORE OF THE SAME" IN FUTURE, ANTICIPATING THAT THESE ACTS CAN BE INTERPRETED AS PROOF OF GROWING RADICALISM OR " ANTI-AMERICANISM." BUT EMBASSY WILL ALSO RECALL DEMONSTRATIONS IN B/ W HAVE HAD DIMINISHED SIGNIFICANCE SINCE HIGH POINT OF 1968-69 BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN MORE ORDERLY, LACKED BROAD EMOTIONAL APPEAL, OR INFRINGED ON CONVENIENCE OF APATHETIC MAJORITY.

C. POLICE COOPERATION AND PROTECTION HAVE BEEN GOOD IN ALL CASES AND WE HAVE NO RESERVATIONS ABOUT THEIR CAPABILITY TO HANDLE PUBLIC SECURITY. RUCHTI

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